

HOUSE BILL 1004

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 21, relative to restraint systems in
school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-21__.

(a) Any bus purchased after July 1, 2007, for the purpose of being owned,
operated or leased by a public or private elementary or secondary school or school
system, and which is intended to be used to transport students to or from school or to or
from extracurricular activities and other school events, shall be equipped with a restraint
system approved by the National Transportation Safety Board for the driver and all
passengers. Any bus owned, operated or leased by a public or private elementary or
secondary school or school system, and which is intended to be used to transport
students to or from school or to or from extracurricular activities and other school events,
shall no later than July 1, 2019, be equipped with a restraint system approved by the
National Transportation Safety Board for the driver and all passengers.

(b) The state board of education, in consultation with the department of safety,
shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All
such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the
Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.